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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO ENFORCE RHODESIAN SANCTIONS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MFA'S AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST, OCEANIC AND ASIA DIVISION. AFTER EMBOFF'S ORAL PRESENTATION ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 1-6 OF REFTEL, THE MFA OFFICIAL EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT LEARNING THE BYRD AMENDMENT HAD BEEN REPEALED, BUT ENDORSED THIS ACTION AS A POSITIVE STEP BY THE US.

2. AS THE CONVERSATION PROGRESSED, THE MFA OFFICIAL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS REMARKED THAT IF, AS IT NOW APPEARED, THE US WERE SERIOUS IN ASSUMING A LEADING ROLE ON THE WORLD SCENE IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, IT WOULD BE A WELCOME DEVELOPMENT AND THE EFFORT TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS MIGHT BECOME MEANINGFUL OVER THE LONG RUN.

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3. WITH REGARD TO THE RHODESIAN EMBARGO, HE INQUIRED IF THE US INTENDED TO MAKE IT AN ISSUE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS SINCE IN THE PAST MOST ENDEAVORS HAD BEEN WITHIN A UN CONTEXT. EMBOFF REITERATED THE US VIEW THAT ALL UN MEMBER NATIONS SHOULD COMPLY WITH THE UN SANCTIONS POLICY. AT THE SAME TIME THE US INTENDS TO PRUSUE VIGOROUSLY INVESTIGATIONS OF POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS WITHIN

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THE US AS WELL AS REVIEW ITS OWN REGUALTIONS. THE MFA
OFFICIAL NOTED THAT WHILE HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE SUGGESTIONS
ON HOW TO MAKE EXISTING SANCTION MORE EFFECTIVE, HE
WOULD GIVE IT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. GREECE, HE CONCLUDED,
HAD NO DEALINGS WITH THE RHODESIAN REGIME AND WAS NOT ON
THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED UN "BLACKLIST" OF COUNTRIES DOING
BUSINESS WITH RHODESIA. GREECE'S MAIN CONCERN WAS
THE WELFARE OF THE SOME 15,000 GREEK NATIONALS STILL
IN RHODESIA.
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